

February 17, 1964

Captain W.F. Gannaway
Special Service Bureau
Dallas Police Department

Thru:
Lieutenant Jack Revill
Criminal Intelligence Section
Special Service Bureau
Dallas Police Department

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE (6)
DEWEY GROOM

Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions of Captain Gannaway the following report is submitted.

T-1 states SUBJECT was born 30, April, 1918 in Mabank, Texas. SUBJECT has lived in Dallas the greater part of his adult life. His present address is 2631 Fonville Dr. SUBJECT owns this residence and it is valued at \$25,000.00. SUBJECT's profession is a barber and he owns the Longhorn Barbershop, at 8106 Scyene Rd. SUBJECT has owned this shop since January of 1955. SUBJECT is also a musician and singer.

T-1 also states that SUBJECT now operates the LONGHORN RANCH nightclub, 216 Corinth St., and in conjunction with the nightclub, he operates the Longhorn Recording Co. which is at the same location. This Company specializes in western style phonograph recordings. The Longhorn Ranch is leased from O.L. NEIMS who formerly operated the club and sold the right to operate the club to SUBJECT for \$6,000.00 on 24 December, 1958. NEIMS is still the owner of the property.

T-1 also has information that SUBJECT operated a club on the second floor, southwest corner of Commerce and Browder sts., which was known as the Bounty Ballroom when SUBJECT leased it in 1952. SUBJECT later purchased the Bridgeport Club, 5610 S. lamar, in partnership with ZELBA FABER in September of 1955. SUBJECT later purchased Faber's portion of the club. SUBJECT sold the Bridgeport Club to CECIL LUNA in April of 1957. T-1 states SUBJECT was also in partnership with his brother, CLIFTON O. GROOM at the Groom Brothers Hardware and Appliance Store, 117 Pleasant Grove Shopping Center. SUBJECT sold his portion of this hardware store to one C.J. FOSTER in December of 1955.

T-1 states SUBJECT owns real estate in Duncanville, Tex. as worth \$1,200.00, and his residence listed above. SUBJECT is married to QUINLAN GROOM who works with him in operating the INDEXED
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Longhorn Ranch nightclub.

T-1 futher reveals that SUBJECT has three tax lien cases filed against him at the present time. These tax liens are listed in the Recording Section of the County Clerk's office. The date of filing, log book number, page number and monetary amount are as follows: September 11, 1961, Volume 41, page 335, excise tax for \$50,993.00; March 16, 1962, volume 44, page 356, cabaret tax for \$3,876.00; January 4, 1963, volume 54, page 125, excise tax for \$24, 482.00.

The County Clerk's office, Recording Section, was checked by the reporting officer and the above information was verified.

SUBJECT was interviewed by Detective T. I. Wardlaw of the Intelligence Section on 14, February, 1964. SUBJECT stated he had been an employee of JACK RUBY aka RUBENSTHIN at the Silver Spur night club, 1717 S. Ervar St. in 1948 and worked for RUBY for approximately six to eight months. SUBJECT also stated he has seen RUBY about two or three times a year since his employment by Ruby. SUBJECT was asked if he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD and if he did, was he aware of any connection between RUBY and OSWALD. SUBJECT'S reply was that he personally did not know OSWALD and he has no knowledge of an acquaintance between RUBY and OSWALD. SUBJECT also stated that although he was not a close friend of RUBY, he did not believe RUBY was a communist or had been connected with any. SUBJECT told Detective WARDLAW that if he learned of any information that might be helpfull to the police, that he would contact officer WARDLAW. The interview was then terminated.

Respectfully submitted,

W.S. Biggio

w.S. Biggio, Detective
Criminal Intelligence Section

EVALUATION: T-1 is reliable and has furnished reliable information in the past. Believed to be true.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS: Detective WARDLAW and SUBJECT have been acquainted for several years thru WARDLAW'S police duties. Attached to this report are copies of SUBJECT'S liquor applications, and arrests made at nightclub owned by the SUBJECT

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Applicant's Arrest Record

DPD No. _____ SSB No. _____ Picture Available Yes () No ()

Date Location of Arrest Charge Disposition

Location Offenses

The license for these premises is at this time on a 30 day suspension beginning Sept. 22, 1958. Offense of Permitting intoxicated persons to remain on beer licensed premises and Possession of unauthorized beverage on beer licensed premises by licensee (O. L. Nelson).

Location Radio Call

Applicant ~~has been~~ on 9/10 arrest record under this name

Following Action taken by T LCB against licensee, O. L. Helms
at 216 Corinth:

48835 7 days - Dwell on Prem

9-21-58 - 30 days - License Revocation
Health & Safety Violation

Following Arrest 7-11-58 to 7-28-58 to date

4-DD-V

7-DD-V

2 Colay-V

2-AFF-V

3-AFF-R

3-GAMB-V

1-485PC-V (Leaping Point in Ballroom)

2-BT-V

2-MCA-V

2-L LAW-V

2-DP-R

1. Dewey Flowers Groom, for The Plantation Dance Hall,
216 Corinth:

On 7/11/58 Dallas Police filed misdemeanor Liquor
Violation charge against one O. L. Helms, 14, age
50, offense occurring at 216 Corinth.

30 day suspension 9/22/58, Viol: Permitting intox-
icated persons to remain on the licensed premise and
Possession of unauthorized beverage on the licensed
premises by licensee - O. L. Helms, Plantation, 216
Corinth Street.

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CITY OF DALLAS

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date September 26, 1958

Texes Liquor Control Board
901 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

This department has received notification of the application of Dewey Flowers GroomHome Address 2631 FonvilleBusiness Address 216 Corinth Trade Name The Plantation Dance Hall

New Business Address _____ Trade Name _____

For a Beer License (X) Package Store Permit (), under date of Sept. 24, 1958

For your information a check of the files of this department reveals the following record on this name:

Under the provisions of Article I Section 12(e) Subsection (1) and (2) Texas Liquor Control Act, I wish to PROTEST the issuance (renewal)(transfer) of the above application for license because of the following law violations occurring on licensed premises: License for these premises under 30 day suspension at this time. Protest on basis of Liquor Law violations and arrests on premises.

Number of Arrests	Type of Arrests	Classification
3	Drunk & Disorderly	View
7	Drunk & Disorderly	Call
5	Affray	Call
1	Viol. S. L. L. (licensee)	View
1	Minor consuming alcoholic beverage	View
1	Minor consuming alcoholic beverage	Call
3	Gaming	View
2	Disturbing Peace	Call
2	Vagrancy	View
1	Impersonating Police Officer	View
2	Unlawfully carrying arms (employee)	View
	Investigation Burglary & Theft	View

C. P. HANSSON
Chief of Police

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W.P. (Signature)

MATERIALS

Additional Information on Reverse Side

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September 30, 1958

Assured to
19-21-58
for ruling on
Dance Hall license
by City
Off
10-7-58

Dewey F. Groom,
2631 Fonville
Dallas Texas

Dear Sirs:

Your application for a beer license for the

location of 216 Corinth St

Dallas, Texas, has been set for a hearing.

This is to notify you that a hearing will be held on your application for the above address in the Commissioners Court Room located on the fourth floor of the Records Building, Dallas, Texas, and that you may be represented by Counsel if you desire. The hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday October 7th 1958.

Yours very truly,

H. L. "LEM" STEINRETT

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cc- District Attorney's Office - Mr. Geo. Biggs
Texas Liquor Control Board - Mr. Franklin

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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October 14, 1958

DeWayne F. Groom,
2631 Fonville
Dallas, Texas

RE-SET

Denise Hall license
Granted
Withdrawn protest
Put per W/S
Protest withdrawn
10-21-58
Put

Dear Sirs:

Your application for a beer license for the

location of 210 Corinth St

Dallas, Texas, has been set for a hearing.

This is to notify you that a hearing will be held on your application for the above address in the Commissioners Court Room located on the fourth floor of the Records Building, Dallas, Texas, and that you may be represented by Counsel if you desire. The hearing will be held at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday October 21 1958.

Yours very truly,

W. L. "LEN" STEARRETT

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Texas Liquor Control Board - Mr. Franklin

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